SITUATION REPORT TO
ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

"K" DIVISION

PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 0900 hours on 2022-01-29.
- The status of the province-wide trucker convoy protests (moving vehicle rallies) being held on January 29, 2022 at various locations throughout the province of Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

- RCMP K DEOC has been activated for this event, and will coordinate information and tasking through this central point.
- This is the first of 3 teleconferences to be held at the DEOC today.
- There are a number of events that are occurring throughout the province today, with a number of groups containing a large number of vehicles planning to head to Edmonton to meet at the Legislature.
- The area of highest concern is the Coutts border crossing: information received that a convoy containing approximately 1000 vehicles, forming a line 48 km long (consisting of approximately 50% semi trucks and 50% personal vehicles) was travelling to the border crossing from Lethbridge, AB.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Southern Alberta District (SAD):
  - convoy was a lot larger than anticipated, RCMP meeting them at the weigh scales to act as a traffic stop to convey and gather additional information.
  - RCMP provided organizers with a document with plan, objectives and areas of control (i.e. emergency vehicle access and commercial livestock traffic).
  - RCMP will maintain contact with organizers, continue to speak with them about the restrictions and planned highway blockades.

- intelligence regarding 1000 vehicle coming from the US side of the border has not been confirmed, nothing has been seen on that side of the border yet.
- the other 2 crossings: Del Bonita and Carway, no vehicles have been reported there yet. Del Bonita crossing is closed on Saturdays. Communication and planning are ongoing with Lethbridge Police Service and Blood Tribe Police.
- approximately 90 semis were parked along Highway 2 near Olds, being joined by additional vehicles, heading north.

- Central Alberta District (CAD):
  - all detachments that are affected in CAD are engaged.
  - ongoing contact with Edmonton Police Service (EPS), RCMP has an agency rep working in the City of Edmonton Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to maintain communication between agencies.
  - RCMP DEOC will be tracking all incoming information and passing it on to the involved agencies as required.

- Eastern Alberta District (EAD):
  - Fort McMurray: approximately 5 trucks driving around, showing local support.
  - Barrhead: 1 dozen pickups and SUVs with 2 tractors advised they were going to meet convoys from Grande Prairie and Whitecourt at Highways 43 & 33 intersection.
  - Athabasca: 6 vehicles staged, no semis, departed going south on Highway 2, trying to connect with the convoy from the Westlock area.

- Western Alberta District (WAD):
  - gathering further information on a secondary protest at the Eastlink Centre in Grande Prairie, situation to be monitored.
  - RCMP communicating with convoy organizers, planned route is around the outside of the city of Grande Prairie.
  - a convoy consisting of 5 semis, 20 cars and a cement truck is enroute from Fairview to Grande Prairie.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Ongoing inquiries into the weather conditions to assess whether RPAS (drone) is an option.
- Federal Section is coordinating air support.

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- RCMP extra resources being planned for all locations with reported protests/convoys.
- Road blocks and traffic tie-ups (primarily on already busy routes such as Highway 2) are an area of concern and will be constantly monitored.
- Ongoing monitoring and communication throughout the day, 3 Gold/Silver/Bronze videoconferences to be held throughout the day to provide updates.
- RCMP Operational Communication Centre to provide updated information when called in by the public.
- Continuous managing of resources and responding accordingly to changing situations.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Will send out a social travel advisory on the social channels, and will continue to monitor throughout the day.
- Communications have been established with organizers of convoy groups and will be monitored throughout the day
- Social media is being monitored.
- Some convoys are using WhatsApp and Zello for their internal communications.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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